GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5187
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DUES OF AIRLIFT CHARGES AGAINST FORMER CM OF KERALA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether airlift charges for special flight from New Delhi to Thiruvananthapuram permitted for the then Chief Minister designate of Kerala in March 1995 by the Prime Minister remains unrealised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of dues to be recovered; and

(d) the steps taken for recovery of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The then, Chief Minister ofKerala was provided airlift facility on 21.3.1995 on sectors Delhi- Thiruvananthapuram. The Government of Kerala, initially, issued a sanction to release airlift bill, amounting to Rs. 14.69 lakhs, on this account. However, subsequently, the sanction was withdrawn by the State Government. The State Government has, now, been asked to review their stand and to clear the dues.